GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DISINVESTMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:587
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2001
PENDING DISINVESTMENT PROPOSALS
CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH;SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals pending for disinvestment of public sector undertakings as on date;

(b) the present status of disinvestment in Maruti Udyog Limited and whether the Government have invited any global bidding in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Chattisgarh Government has offered the Union Government the expected disinvestment amount in respect of BALCO; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO.587 FOR ANSWER ON 27.04.2001 IN THE LOK SABHA BY SHRI CHADRA BHUSHAN SINGH AND SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR REGARDING PENDING DISINVESTMENT PROPOSALS.

a) Disinvestment is considered and carried out in various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) on an ongoing basis in accordance with the declared disinvestment policy. At present, disinvestment/strategic sale in 31 PSUs/ subsidiaries and Maruti Udyog Limited is under implementation.

(b) & (c) The Government, at this stage, has decided to adopt the option of offer of shares on a rights basis to the existing shareholders with a renunciation option for the Government in the case of Maruti Udyog Limited .

(d) & (e) The Chattisgarh Government had stated that the State Government is prepared to pay Rs. 552 crores to buy the 51% equity share in the company. The State Government had made this offer in its affidavit-dated 24.3.2001 to the Supreme Court.The offer made by the State Government of Chattisgarh to purchase 51% sharesat Rs. 552 crores has been made, much after the sale transaction was completed. Government of India have already sold the shares to the strategic partner. The question of selling the shares once again to the State of Chattisgarh therefore, does not arise. The Govt. of India have already filed its rejoinder to this effect in the Supreme Court.